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SKETCH *of the* CHARACTER *of Earl* TEMPLE.

TO ſay that he was an honeſt man, and a worthy man, are terms aſcribed to many. He was more. He was a great man, a ſound politician, and perhaps the ableſt financier in Europe; a trait of his character not generally known; but Lord Chatham was ſo fully ſenſible of it, that in every negociation which the Court had with him, he conſtantly propoſed Lord Temple for the treaſury. Yet Lord Temple's independent ſpirit would never ſuffer him to take a place, while an inviſible agency poſſeſſed the efficient powers of the ſtate. In the late glorious war, Lord Chatham placed in him the moſt unlimited confidence; he had experienced his judgment, his friendſhip, and his virtue. The late Lord Hardwicke uſed to call them, the Caſtor and Pollux of the Council. Lord Temple was the laſt member of that cabinet, which conducted with ſuch a brilliancy of ſucceſs the late war, and the affairs of this country, to the death of George the ſecond. The other members of the cabinet were, his ever honoured, and ever to be lamented brother, Lord Chatham, the Duke of Newcaſtle, Lord Hardwicke, Lord Holderneſſe, Lord Anſon, and Mr. Legge. He was the laſt alſo of that group of eminent young men, who were bred up under the famous Lord Cobham. The others were, the late Lord Chatham, Lord Lyttleton, and Mr. George Grenville. He was hoſtile to the preſent Miniſters. In the year 1776, he ſtrongly deſcribed the conſequences of the preſent meaſures. "From theſe cauſes, together with the imbecility of adminiſtration (ſays his Lordſhip) this country is reduced to a ſituation ſo deplorable, that the wiſeſt and honeſteſt man in the kingdom, can propoſe nothing that promiſes an happy and honourable iſſue. I muſt be allowed freely to confeſs, that I have not a good opinion of the King's ſervants. Paſt experience will not juſtify confidence. I cannot, therefore anſwer to myſelf, or to my country, the truſting ſuch men with the expenditure of millions; and laying the foundation of laviſhing many more, our laſt ſtake, thereby accelerating that bankruptcy, which I fear is become inevitable." See Lords debates, in Parliamentary Regiſter, for 1776, page 195, where his Lordſhip's ſpeech is exactly printed. And, ſpeaking of the preſent ſituation of this country, but a few weeks before his death he ſaid, "accuſtomed, as I have been, to view my country at the zenith of power, I can ill brook her preſent abject and humiliated ſtate." He was a patriot, in the trueſt and pureſt ſenſe of the word. He was a zealous and ſteady friend to liberty. The great conteſt concerning general warrants, in the caſe of Mr. Wilkes, which he carried on at his own expenſe, brought upon him the moſt indecent reſentment of the Court. He perſevered and triumphed. And every Engliſhman's houſe hath, ſince that time, been his caſtle. In his manners, he was amiable, polite, and gracious. In his temper, warm and open. He felt ſtrongly, and ſpoke freely. In principles, he was one of the moſt independent Peers of the age. His pride was a laudable pride. He would be no man's tool. The meeting at Lord Eglinton's, which he refuſed to attend, and many other inſtances, might be given in proof, that his ſoul was as much above meanneſs, as his heart was incapable of baſeneſs. The laſt time he attended the Houſe of Lords, was on that memorable day, when Lord Chatham made his laſt ſpeech. He was at Lord Chatham's ſide, when his Lordſhip fell, and caught him in his arms. Such men are not born in every age, nor in every country; and when they die, the event is diſtinguiſhed as a publick loſs. It may be added, ſuch men live not for themſelves; they are the property of the publick. Eminent talents were given for eminent uſes. To deprive the kingdom of the benefits of their counſels, was a robbery, the more unpardonable, as it formed part of that malignant, ſyſtematick plan, which has driven every honeſt man from the ſervice of the ſtate: and, as a conſequence, hath deſtroyed all publick confidence, publick ſpirit, and national grandeur."

Extract of a letter from a Gentleman in St. Kitt's to his friend in Stirling, *dated the 14th of June.*

"Since my laſt to you of the 11th of January, we have had ſevere military duty. There is a ſuperiour force of the Britiſh navy here to the French, by ſix or eight ſhips of the line. However, there has been nothing done.

"In the months of February, March, April, and May, every other week there was a fleet of 40 and 50 ſail of Frenchmen coming down from Guadaloupe and Martinique, eſcorted by eight or ten of their war ſhips and frigates bound to St. Euſtatia, for proviſions; and, ſo ſoon as the merchantmen came to anchor, the ſhips of war went about cruiſing, and took ſeveral of our veſſels. They were ſo bold as to come cloſe into our harbours; and might have done us very great damage. It was generally believed they intended to attack this iſland. Statia was the place they appointed for their rendezvous, which is only two hours ſail diſtant from us.

"Our General had ſecret intelligence, that the attack was reſolved upon: In conſequence of which, we got a reinforcement of ſhips from Admiral Byron, which certainly ſaved us at that time. However, in the interim, the French fleet, loaded with proviſions, from Statia, arrived ſafe at Guadaloupe. In the middle of April laſt, ſix French ſhips, three ſchooners, and two ſloops, all armed, came down, and ſtood off and on this iſland for ſeveral days. We were then under arms, expecting their immediate landing; but ſix of our frigates of a very inferiour force, got notice, and ſtood directly for them. The French were lying too, within cannon ſhot of my houſe, waiting the arrival of our ſhips, who were come within ſight, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. We were all happy, expecting to ſee the engagement but were greatly diſappointed; for, as ſoon as both fleets were drawn up in the line of battle, night came on, and the French fleet retired to Guadaloupe.

"Their force conſiſted of two 40, two 36, and two 32 gun ſhips. Ours only one of 32, one of 28, and one of 24, two of 20, and one of 16 guns, commanded by moſt of our countrymen: The Aurora, Capt. Cummings; Perſeus, Elphinſton of Cumbernauld; Deal Caſtle, Parker; Maidſtone, Dacres; Ariel, Mackenzie; Favorite, Folker. The day after their arrival at Guadaloupe, being reinforced with two ſhips of the line, and another frigate, they immediately ſailed after our ſix ſhips, which came down to protect the ſhipping here. We being now no match for ſuch a ſuperiour force, came to anchor under our forts for protection, and drew up in line of battle, with ſome other armed ſhips that were lying here; and it was reſolved to defend the town and ſhipping to the laſt, ſhould they be attacked; but, after cruiſing round the iſland for ſome days, the enemy at laſt went to Statia, and carried up with them 40 ſail of victuallers to Guadaloupe.

"On the 28th of April, early in the morning, appeared five large ſhips and a frigate ſtanding into our harbour. They proved to be French, on which an alarm was fired. After coming within gun ſhot of the town of Baſſaterre, they put about, and went down to Sandy Point town, where our ſtrongeſt fort is; they then handed all their ſails, hoiſted out their boats, and came cloſe in ſhore, upon which account we expected an attack to begin immediately. There was then a double alarm fired, and expreſſes ſent to all the militia to repair inſtantly to Sandy Point, where we expected the action to begin. And I am proud to inform you, that I never ſaw a ſet of braver fellows in my life. We went to [illegible] Monſieurs with that ſpirit which is the characteriſtic of Engliſhmen; and ſure I am they had [illegible] diſembarking had they attempted to land. [illegible] occupied that ſtation five days, and in that time we received information from Statia, that they only waited the arrival of ſome troops from Martinique to attack. However, as fortune favours the brave, the troops did not come, and the ſhips, after lying ſix days, returned to Martinique, cruiſing and capturing through all the windward iſlands.

"At this dangerous moment, the Corke outward bound fleet, conſiſting of above 80 ſail, under convoy of only one 50 gun ſhip and a frigate, made a fortunate eſcape. When the French were turning [illegible] Antigua, on the one ſide, the Corke fleet were [illegible] ing in for that iſland on the other; and had they been two hours ſooner or later, muſt infallibly have been all captured. The force of the French was [illegible] two 64, a 44, and a 32, beſides frigates. [illegible] 6th ult. we have had ſome reſt. There has been no alarm ſince the affair of Sandy Point."

Advice is received from Gibraltar, that an engagement, had happened in the Mediterranean between a Spaniſh ſquadron of light cruiſers and a ſquadron of Algerine rovers, wherein two of the latter were ſunk, and their crews periſhed. The remainder were carried into Cadiz.

NEWCASTLE, *September* 11. A Gentleman in the neighbourhood of Morpeth has received a letter from his friend in Scotland, which contains the following particulars, viz. A farmer at Cruſterphen having made ſome cakes for poiſoning of rats, by accident one of them fell out of the window and was taken up by a poor woman, who carried it home, and gave part of it to her huſband, and five children, who eat it, and the reſt ſhe eat herſelf. Three of the children are ſince dead, and the huſband and wife are in a dangerous way.

On Wedneſday night, between the hours of eleven and twelve, the neighbourhood of Catharine-ſtreet, Convent garden, was alarmed by the moſt piercing ſhrieks and cries of murder, which iſſued from the firſt floor window of the houſe of Mr. N. an attorney. The neighbourhood and paſſengers being alarmed and entrance obtained, Mrs. N. was diſcovered in a moſt bloody condition, with a long wound cut by a penknife, which reached from the right ear almoſt to the corner of the mouth, and of a very dangerous nature, with ſeveral other cuts and ſtabs on her arms. The wound on her cheek, Mrs. N. declared, was given her by her huſband who was then preſent, and that he attempted to cut her throat, which ſhe prevented, and thereby received the other cuts on her arms. When ſhe called out murder from the window, ſhe was nearly upon the point of throwing herſelf out for ſafety. Mr. Mahon, ſurgeon, of Ruſſel-ſtreet, was ſent for, who expoſtulated with N. on his cruelty and daſtardly attack on a woman, and as frequently N. uttered his regret, that he had not killed her, and [illegible] he ſhould go to the gallows with pleaſure if [illegible], at the ſame time repeating ſome lines from the [illegible] opera. Mr. M[illegible]bon humanely he[illegible] Mrs. N. [illegible] to his own houſe for ſafety, where ſhe was dreſſed, and lay all night. The dining-room was one continued ſcene of blood, and the ſtone below the dining-room window all of a gore. In ſhort, mere accident ſaved Mrs. N's life, for the penknife with which the ſavage ſtabbed her, ſtruck on the jaw bone juſt above the neck ſo forcibly, that it bent by the blow. He was taken out of the houſe by a conſtable, and ſecured for the night at a neighbouring tavern. The reaſon of this cruelty we hear, was on account of Mrs. N's. having received ſome money out of the country, for which ſhe had not accounted to her huſband, and alſo for going to Colman's theatre the [illegible]

BOSTON, *December* 23.

IT is reported that a veſſel is arrived at the eaſtward [illegible], that brings an account that the combined fleets of France and Spain, and the Britiſh [illegible], by order of their reſpective courts, [illegible], in conſequence of other foreign powers [illegible].

[illegible] the laſt intelligence from Canada (which [illegible]) [illegible], that four hundred [illegible] from the back [illegible] in the hands of the [illegible] authority (if they [illegible]) [illegible] conſiderable ſteps to [illegible] their ſtrength, and their [illegible] the inhabitants of Canada) [illegible] would we (by [illegible]), it would [illegible] the beſt part of [illegible] to [illegible].

[illegible] inſtant Capt. [illegible], in a ſloop [illegible], arrived at [illegible] London, in [illegible] François.

[illegible], that by [illegible], arrived at the cape [illegible]; that the frigate brought money to pay [illegible], and landed [illegible] Plate, to [illegible] the [illegible] (Britiſh) [illegible].

[illegible] Capt. [illegible]

[illegible]LADELPHIA, *Jan.* [illegible].

[illegible] Capt. [illegible] to [illegible]. They alſo found in the [illegible] paper money and a quantity [illegible] of which they brought off, [illegible] which was confirmed [illegible] mentioned in our laſt to [illegible] of New Jerſey, [illegible] and the privateer brig Britannia, [illegible] 12 pounders. All her [illegible] are ſaved, and the [illegible].

[illegible] Waſhington, to his [illegible] Congreſs, dated [illegible]

[illegible] the weather having rendered [illegible] paſſable by the ice; and [illegible] the communication between [illegible] interrupted by the ſame [illegible] opportunity of ſtriking the enemy [illegible] (who [illegible] by report to 1000 or [illegible]) [illegible]. A detachment [illegible], including the troops under General [illegible], was [illegible] made for that purpoſe, and [illegible] given to Major General Lord Stirling. [illegible] intended to have attempted the execution [illegible] the enemy by ſurpriſe; but there being [illegible], that the enemy by their [illegible] or by what means had got notice of our [illegible] of effecting the buſineſs in that manner. As the detachment was aſſembled near Elizabeth-town, it was thought adviſable to proceed at all [illegible], upon a conſideration that no bad conſequences [illegible] poſſibly reſult, and that we might find an opportunity of reaping ſome advantages. We were however diſappointed in our expectations, as Congreſs will perceive, by the encloſed report from Lord Stirling.

Lord STIRLING'*s report.*

SIR,

I have the honour to inform your Excellency, that early on yeſterday morning the corps under my command croſſed the ſound at De Hart's point, and proceeded towards the watering place. The enemy having received previous intelligence of our movements, a ſurpriſe was out of the queſtion, and as their works were well ſituated, and appeared otherwiſe ſtrong, an aſſault was deemed unadviſable, as it would probably have coſt us more than we could have gained by ſucceſs. We found too, contrary to our expectation, that the communication between the iſland and New York was open; immediately on our arrival in front of the enemy's works, they ſent off a boat to the city, and in the evening ſeveral veſſels came down from thence to the iſland. As from [illegible] circumſtances there was no hope of reducing them for want of proviſion or fuel, and a reinforcement might have rendered our continuance dangerous, we determined to march off this morning. The retreat was effected in good order, and with very little loſs. A party of the enemy's horſe charged [illegible] rear guard under Major Edwards, but was immediately repulſed. The Major had three men killed, [illegible] of the light horſemen, and took his horſe. [illegible] of the men were froſt bitten, and though we [illegible] pains in our power to have all thoſe unable to [illegible] tranſported in ſleds; yet I imagine a very few [illegible] have been left behind.

We took a few priſoners, and had a few deſerters from the enemy.

Immediately after croſſing, a party was detached under Lieut. Col. Willet, to Decker's houſe. The [illegible] had been alarmed and barely made [illegible]. The houſe is a garriſon place, and [illegible] were burned. A conſiderable [illegible] of blankets and other ſtores were found.

Whilſt the troops were upon the iſland, a [illegible] of perſons from this ſide took advantage of the [illegible] to paſs upon the iſland, and plundered [illegible] in the [illegible] them [illegible] taken from them. [illegible] they may be brought to puniſhment. [illegible], and will be [illegible] with the [illegible] Mr. Caldwell, who is exerting himſelf in the [illegible] to be returned [illegible]. I am happy to [illegible] your Excellency, that a very inconſiderable part [illegible] diſhonoured themſelves, by participating in theſe [illegible].

The officers and men, in general, ſhewed a good diſpoſition, and I only regret [illegible] opportunity of turning it to advantage.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(*Signed*) STIRLING.

Publiſhed by order of Congreſs,

CHARLES THOMSON, *Sec'ry.*

ELIZABETH TOWN, *Feb.* [illegible].

Extract of a letter from a [illegible], *dated L'Orient, October* [illegible].

"The owners of the privateer General Mifflin, Capt. M'Neil, may congratulate themſelves on having gained their cauſe againſt the owners of the French ſhip the Iſabella. This diſputed recapture is worth to them near 200,000 livres, being loaded with [illegible] which we have juſt ſold. The tribunals on this [illegible], conſidered the American privateer as [illegible] the privileges of nations the moſt favoured, [illegible] indeed is the principle on which our tribunals act, in all caſes in which the Americans are concerned.

"The brave Capt. Jones, on the [illegible], attacked the Baltick fleet of 60 ſail, under convoy of the Seraphis of 44 guns and the Scarborough of [illegible]. Theſe two men of war and 42 of the convoy were taken, all loaded with naval ſtores for Government; ſix others were totally loſt on the coaſt with their cargoes and crews. The General Mifflin was one of Jones's ſquadron I believe, and it is thought they have proceeded to Norway.

"About eight leagues from Uſhant, there was a bloody engagement between the frigates La Surveillante and the Quebeck, both of equal force. They both loſt all their maſts. The French frigate only ſaved her bowſprit, ſhe availed herſelf of her oars, to board the Quebeck, and having thrown in a ſhower of hand-grenades, the remaining part of the exhauſted crew were on the point of jumping on board, when they obſerved a flame fore and aft. They immediately diſengaged by cutting away the remains of the bowſprit, and ſaved 43 of the Britiſh and two officers. Having got to ſome little diſtance by the means of their oars, the Engliſh frigate blew up. The Surveillante was carried into Breſt, having had the greateſt part of her crew killed and wounded. The Capt. M. de Coedic, received 3 ſhots, 2 in his head not dangerous, and one in the body which we fear is. The ſecond in command was killed, and the 6th officer on board only was capable of carrying her into port, the others having been either killed or wounded. To him the brave Capt. Coedic gave up the command of the frigate after the engagement, for during the action he would not be taken from the quarter-deck nor ſuffer their attention to be taken up with him."

Extract of a letter from L'Orient, dated [illegible] 1779, *to a Gentleman in this city.*

"The gallant behaviour of Captain Paul Jones [illegible] preſent engages the whole attention here. In my laſt I informed you that he had the command of a ſmall ſquadron then on a cruiſe. He ſailed round Ireland and Scotland, ſpreading terrour and deſolation in every part. He took, burnt and ſunk a great number of veſſels, among them a ſhip bound to Quebeck, extremely rich.

"On the 23d of September in the evening, having under his command, the Poor Richard of 40 guns, the Alliance of 36, and the Pallas of 28 guns, he fell in with the Baltick fleet conſiſting of about 40 ſail, [illegible] of the Seraphis of 44 guns and the [illegible] of Scarborough [illegible]; the Pallas after an engagement of about [illegible] the latter, and [illegible] the Poor Richard [illegible] the former, they fought for three hours and [illegible], two hours of which [illegible], and almoſt all the [illegible].

"The Poor Richard [illegible] all her [illegible] engagement [illegible] being [illegible] in [illegible] the Captain of the Pallas [illegible] not diſtinguiſh [illegible] friend or enemy, [illegible]. The Alliance lay out of gun ſhot for the [illegible] of the engagement, [illegible] of firing [illegible] the Poor Richard two broadſides, [illegible] conſiderable [illegible]. Jones continued [illegible] to ſtrike.

"The Seraphis is a [illegible] new ſhip, ſheathed with copper, on an entire new conſtruction, and thought to be the faſteſt ſailing veſſel in Europe; ſhe has two entire batteries, the lower of which [illegible] pounders, [illegible] the force of the Poor Richard [illegible]

[illegible] engagement lately [illegible] Surveillante and the Quebeck [illegible] fought yard-arm and [illegible] when the latter [illegible] it was not poſſible to [illegible], for they were both determined not to [illegible].

Extract of another letter from the ſame place.

"Captain Jones came to town from the Texel, and [illegible] gone to the Hague, his preſence will, I am perſuaded, embarraſs the republick; and may probably produce warm altercations in the Senate.

"I cannot give you a very particular account of the engagement; only that the conflict between the [illegible] cannot be deſcribed; upwards of 250 men killed and wounded in both, and ſo ſhattered that it was a matter of doubt which of the veſſels would ſink firſt. The Captain of the Seraphis, behaved with great bravery, but the determined reſolution of Capt. Jones conquered him.

"The Poor Richard, with all the aſſiſtance afforded from the other ſhips after the action, could not be kept above water, and Jones had the mortification to ſee her go down, not being able to ſave any material part of her ſtores. He (it may be ſaid) has made a good exchange, but he wiſhed to have got the Poor Richard into port, ſhattered as ſhe was, as a picture of curioſity and diſtreſs."

BALTIMORE, *Feb.* 1.

Extract of a letter from Philadelphia, *Jan.* 20, 1780.

"OUR friend Webſter, ‖ continues his "Eſſays on Free Trade and Finance," and ſome of his obſervations are really ſtriking and judicious. He has condemned every idea of laying reſtrictions on 'trade,' and after the various experiments ' that have been made, relative to regulations, he thinks thoſe politicians muſt have thick ſkulls indeed, that are for perſevering in ſuch deſtructive meaſures.

"Hard money is greatly fallen, and from the operation of the taxes, and the ſale of the bills, which Congreſs have ſent to the commiſſioners of the loan offices, in the ſeveral ſtates, there is every reaſon to expect it will be conſiderably lower. The merchants will not have ſuch a demand for ſpecie, as it will be more convenient for them to make their remittances in bills.

"In the way of trade, I find our currency very ſcarce and difficult to procure.—Some enemies to America have induſtriouſly propagated a report, that Congreſs have no loan in Europe to draw upon, but I have ſeen ſome late letters to the Committee of Foreign Affairs, that leaves no doubt with me of the payment of their bills. Since the appearance of the combined fleets in the Engliſh channel, many merchants in Holland have offered their monies to America; and there is another quarter, from whence they may procure any ſum that we may want to carry us through the war."

A Gentleman who left Charleſtown, South Carolina, about a month ſince, informs, that it was reported there, on the day of his departure, that Penſacola, the capital of Weſt Florida, was in poſſeſſion of the Spaniards, and that the garriſon, conſiſting of 900 Britiſh troops and new levies, were made priſoners. It was alſo currently reported there, that the Spaniards at the Havannah, had been for ſome time fitting out a ſtrong armament for the purpoſe of inveſting St. Auguſtine, the capital of Eaſt Florida, and it was expected they would ſhortly appear before it.

A late letter from Philadelphia intimates, that the men of war and troops, which lately left New York, are deſtined for Jamaica, where, it is ſaid, they are to be joined by the ſquadrons of Admirals Hyde Parker, and Sir Peter Parker, with a number of land forces from St Kitt's, St. Lucia, &c. and from thence are to proceed on an expedition againſt the iſland of Cuba, of which the Havannah is the capital city.

‖ *A ſenſible learned merchant of Philadelphia.*

WILLIAMSBURG, *Feb.* 12.

THE continental brig Baltimore, commanded by Capt. John Nicholſon; and a brig belonging to Philadelphia, Capt. Valance, are both aſhore at cape Henry. Many of the men are froſtbit, and the beſt part of their cargoes, as well as the veſſels, it is thought will be loſt.

The ſchooner Nancy, Capt. Stratton, from Port au Prince, is arrived at Hampton; alſo the brig Maryland, Capt. King, and the brig Alexandria, Capt. Conway, both from St. Euſtatia.

Extract of a letter from Peter Edwards, *at* St. Auguſtine, *to* Lewis Johnſton, *Eſq; naval officer at* Antigua.

"I have lately returned from Georgia. You have heard I ſuppoſe of the melancholy fate of my dear brother Alexander Martin; he unhappily fell in arms on the day Savannah was taken. Poor fellow! Eaſily perſuaded, or rather excited by his intrepid ſpirit, having been branded with the epithet of coward by ſome who dare not face him, fell a ſacrifice in ſupporting a cauſe his heart abhorred. How much grief Mrs. Edwards and myſelf muſt have experienced on the melancholy occaſion, your own feelings will ſuggeſt. Sorry am I to inform you, that little diſtinction is paid to loyaliſts; ravage and plunder take place indiſcriminately. Poor Georgia has really been ſadly ranſacked. You would not know Abercorn ſcarcely; the houſe only remains. God only knows when, and where our troubles will end. For my part, I view peace farther diſtant than when we left Georgia, and was I writing by an armed veſſel, I would write you more fully on this ſubject."

Fall of rain in Virginia from January 1, 1773, to January 1, 1780.

Months.	1773 York T. Ins. tenths in the tube.	1774 York T. Ins. tenths in the tube.	1775 York T. Ins. tenths in the tube.	1776 Wmſbg. Ins. tenths in the tube	1777 Wmſbg. Ins. tenths in the tube	1778 Wmſbg. Ins. tenths in the tube	1779 Wmſbg. Ins. tenths in the tube.
January.	93 3	143 5	77 3	153 1	47	117 5	157 9
February.	84 7	48 5	51	105 3	52 5	118 7	58 2
March.	243 6	170 8	95 5	195 2	80	61 1	148 4
April.	105 3	143 7	82 7	217 9	209 7	188	82 1
May.	134 7	115 1	155 5	110 2	36 5	84 2	87 5
June.	174 1	76 1	152 5	52 5	146 9	152 1	189 1
July	6 6	314 4	137 6	19 3	192 4	309 7	153 4
August.	326 7	286 9	446 5	237 4	261 7	283 6	454 2
Septemb.	94 4	32 4	332 8	50	67 7	[illegible] 3	310 3
October.	189 4	18 5	192 5	170	173 4	[illegible] 1	64 4
Novemb.	139 7	142 6	73 9	60	[illegible] 9	77 3	50 1
December	84 1	48 1	135 4	[illegible] 6	[illegible] 5	91 4	143 1
	1601 6 or 44l.488p.	1540 6 42,794	1923 2 53,422	1554 7 43,186	1351 2 37,533	1984 2 55,116	1908 7 53,019

The quantity of rain which fell in the years above-mentioned, was determined in the following manner: A cup or receiver, of 36 inches area, was fixed in an open place, near the ſurface of the earth. The rain which fell into it, was meaſured by a tube or guage of one inch area. On the ſide of the tube there is a ſcale of ſix inches, each inch divided into ten equal parts; hence the area of the receiver being 36 times that of the guage, one inch depth of water in the former, muſt be equal to 36 inches in the latter, and of conſequence one diviſion, or tenth of an inch in the guage, will be equal to the three hundred and ſixtieth part of an inch in the receiver.

WILL be expoſed to publick ſale, before Mr. *Galt*'s door in *Richmond* town, on *Monday* the 6th day of *March* next, two lots belonging to the eſtate of *Alexander Craig*, deceaſed, formerly advertiſed, and known by the numbers 6 in *Mancheſter*, and 376 on *Shockoe* hill; alſo a lot No. 438.

(2) JOHN M. GALT, } Ex'rs.
GABRIEL MAUPIN,

TO be ſold at Captain *La Porte*'s ſtore in *Williamſburg*, the following articles, *viz.* Blunderbuſſes, piſtols with ſwivels, muſkets, cutlaſſes, and ſaddles and bridles.—Capt. *La Porte* intends to retail all kinds of wet and dry-goods, in the houſe next door to Mrs *Fobes*, where he formerly kept ſtore.

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To be SOLD *by publick vendue at* Edenton, *on Tueſday the* 22d *inſtant* (February)

TWENTY ſix negro ſlaves, conſiſting of men, women, and children, among which are ſeveral valuable tradeſmen, late the property of *Joſeph Hewes*, Eſq; deceaſed. At the ſame time and place will alſo be ſold, the remaining ſtock in trade of the late copartnerſhip of *Hewes & Smith*, and alſo that of the late copartnerſhip of *Hewes, Smith, & Allen*, conſiſting of the following, beſides many other articles, *viz.* A new brig of about one hundred tons burthen, three ſchooners of about ſeventy tons burthen each, a ſloop of ſixty tons, a ſchooner decked boat, a large ſailing flat, four bay flats, a large quantity of pimenta, rum, ſugar, ſalt, *European* goods, ſails and rigging, bar iron, ſtave and board lumber, tobacco, fuſtick, barreled herrings, naval ſtores, a waggon, carts and horſes.—The terms of the ſale ready money, and the money to be paid before the property is changed.

WAR OFFICE, Williamſburg, *Feb.* 4, 1780.

THE inclemency of the ſeaſon having prevented the officer appointed to review and receive the new recruits raiſed under the act of Aſſembly concerning officers, ſoldiers, ſailors, and marines, to perform the duties there preſcribed on the days advertiſed in the gazette of *December* the 18th. The Board of War have changed the days of general rendezvous in the following manner, *viz.* At *Peterſburg* on the 21ſt inſtant, *New London* on the 26th. *Staunton* on the 6th of *March*, *Wincheſter* on the 12th, *Fredericksburg* the 20th, and *Williamſburg* the 1ſt of *April*. The County Lieutenants and recruiting officers are moſt earneſtly requeſted to uſe every poſſible exertion to have the recruits falling under their ſeveral directions, at the places and at the times above ſpecified.

JAMES INNES.
T. JEFFERSON. JAMES BARRON.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Feb.* 10, 1780.

THE ſubſcriber deſirous of carrying on his buſineſs extenſively, would wiſh to agree with any perſon or perſons on *York* or *James* rivers, and not inconvenient to the *Capitol* or *College* landings, for a quantity of oak bark, for which he will give caſh, or leather at the old price. He has for ſale a large quantity of tanned and curried leather of all ſorts, among which is excellent boot legs, with beſt bend leather ſoles. (3) WILLIAM PLUME.

☞ I would exchange a negro man, who is a good houſe ſervant and cook, and by profeſſion a biſcuit baker, for a houſe wench or likely boy.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Feb.* 10, 1780.

FOUND in my ſtable about two months ago, a man's ſaddle, with a white *Virginia* ſaddle cloth bound with blue *Virginia* cloth binding; the ſaddle has been new ſeated and is with the cloth [illegible] it has a leather girth and braſs boſſes; alſo a half curb bridle, very old. The owner by proving his property, and paying the charge of this advertiſement, may have [illegible] application to

‖ GABRIEL MAUPIN.

To be SOLD *to the higheſt bidder, for ready money, on* Thurſday *the 1ſt day of* June, *before* [illegible] *door in* Richmond *town*,

THREE thouſand acres of land, belonging to the eſtate of *Richard Charlton*, deceaſed, [illegible] on the *Ohio*, and within two miles of the [illegible]

tf SARAH CHARLTON, [illegible]
JOHN M. GALT, [illegible]

To be SOLD *to the higheſt bidder, for ready money, on* Tueſday *the 29th inſtant* (February) *at* William Bradley's, *in the town of* Peterſburg,

ONE undivided third part of a tract of land ſuppoſed to contain [illegible] acres, lying in the county of *Dinwiddie*, eſcheated from *David* [illegible]. Alſo a lot of land with a dwelling houſe thereon, in the new town of *Peterſburg*, eſcheated from [illegible].

(2) KENNON JONES, Eſcheator.

FREDERICKSBURG, *Feb.* 2, 1780.

THE practitioners of PHYSICK and SURGERY in this town and county, having ſuffered much for two years paſt, by the fluctuating ſtate of the currency, the high price of medicines, and impoſſibility of getting accounts ſettled at the different periods ſervices are performed; think proper to inform all thoſe who chooſe to employ them, that in future they muſt extend their accounts at the old rates of practice in 1774, and receive payment in country produce at the old prices, or in money equivalent to the ſelling prices of the neceſſaries of life at the time of payment. The equity of the above regulation will appear evident to every juſt and unprejudiced perſon.

CHARLES MORTIMER.
JOHN JULIAN.
2‖ GEORGE FRENCH.
ROBERT WELLFORD.

PETERSBURG, *Jan.* 23, 1780.

TO be ſold to the higheſt bidder, for ready money, on *Thurſday* the 22d of *February*, at the blackſmith's ſhop, lately occupied by *Alexander Biſſett*, deceaſed, two complete ſets of blackſmiths tools.

(2) MARGARET BISSETT, *Adm.*

JAMES CITY county, *F[illegible]ruary* 7, 1780.

HEARING of various rep[illegible] prevailing with reſpect to my conduct while [illegible] the publick ſervice as clerk to the A. D. C. of [illegible]. I therefore [illegible] inform the publick, that on ſuſpicion that I had behaved fraudulently, was arreſted, and legally tried by a general court martial, of which Col. [illegible] was Preſident. The court after hearing the evidences, were clearly of opinion that I was innocent of all the charges alledged againſt me, and ought to be [illegible].
(1[illegible]) L. HENLY.

To be SOLD, on Wedneſday the 1ſt of March next, at Peterſburg,

A QUANTITY of damaged beef, pork, and bacon. All perſons [illegible] damaged meat in cutting for the United States laſt year, and do not come in and ſettle before the above mentioned date, will be required to anſwer for the delinquency at the next General Court. (1) ELLIOTT & DAVIS.

PETERSBURG, *February* 2, 1780.

To be SOLD upon the premiſes, on Monday the 14th inſtant (February) *for ready money,*

FOUR hundred acres of land, lying in the upper end of *Caroline*, whereon is a good dwelling houſe and kitchen, being late the property of *Cunningham* and company, and now veſted in the commonwealth.

EDMUND PENDLETON, Jun. Eſcheator.

To be SOLD at publick auction for ready money, on Monday the 28th inſt. (February) *on the premiſes,*

ALL the materials and effects belonging to the [illegible] manufactory, conſiſting of flax, hemp, tow, [illegible] *Virginia* cotton, thread, ſpun cotton, [illegible] and hackling, cotton cards, ſpinning [illegible] looms, &c. a hemp mill, [illegible] alſo family houſe[illegible] cattle, [illegible] with divers [illegible] to mention. [illegible]

FOR SALE at NEWCASTLE,

[illegible] high bred covering horſe ACHILLES. He [illegible] ſorrel, well marked, and fully [illegible] high, riſing [illegible] years old, and remarkable [illegible]
W. JOHNSON.

W[illegible] ſundry Gentlemen have requeſted [illegible], *Levy Todd*, and *John* [illegible] to *Kentucky*, and have [illegible] with the lands on the [illegible] officers rights, [illegible] they find [illegible] parts of [illegible] is there[illegible] Gentlemen who may incline to [illegible] that they may engage [illegible] *Hawkins*, who will attend at [illegible] on the 19th of *February*, at *New Caſtle* [illegible] *Williamſburg* the 20th, at *Peterſburg* [illegible] on the 25th; or at any other time [illegible] dates and the 1ſt of *March*, at [illegible] in *Albemarle*, or at the houſe lately occupied by Mr. *John Hawkins* in *Hanover*. We will [illegible] officers or ſoldiers rights, or Land Office [illegible] of the firſt date.
(1) MARTIN HAWKINS.

N. B. We have for ſale about 3000 acres of good [illegible] LAND, lying in the counties of *Albemarle* and *Hanover*; alſo 20 likely NEGROES.

A[illegible] having any demands againſt the eſtate of [illegible], late of *Caroline* county, deceaſed, are deſired to make them known, properly atteſted; thoſe indebted to the ſaid eſtate, are requeſted to be ſpeedy in payment, or ſuits will be immediately commenced againſt them.
[illegible] THOMAS JONES, Executor.

TAKEN up in *Fairfax* county, a dark bay or mouſe coloured mare, 4 feet 2 inches high, 9 or 10 years old, with a ſtar and ſmall ſnip in her forehead, both her hind feet white to the footlocks, a ſmall ſaddle ſpot on the near ſide, and branded on the near buttock Z. Appraiſed to 6l.
(1) EDWARD PAYNE.

To be SOLD to the higheſt bidder, on Saturday the 26th of February, for ready money, the eſtate of Captain James Cole, late deceaſed, of Goochland county,

CONSISTING of [illegible] *Virginia* born ſlaves, [illegible] tract of land containing 606 acres, with a commodious dwelling houſe, and a good peach orchard, it is extraordinary good tobacco, wheat, or corn land. The ſaid land lies between the *Little Bird*, and the *Great Bird*, in a good neighbourhood convenient to mills. The plantation is ſufficient to work [illegible] 15 hands. [illegible] deducted right will be made [illegible] by the legatees of the ſaid eſtate.
(6) WILLIAM COLE.
JOHN COLE.

To be SOLD for ready [illegible]*, on the third* Monday *in April next,*

THE houſes and lots which I now poſſeſs in the town of *Fredericksburg*, and formerly advertiſed by Col. [illegible], two lots in the front ſtreet, whereon is an exceeding good dwelling houſe, with every conveniency that a gentleman can wiſh for.—A [illegible], a [illegible] on the main ſtreet, and [illegible]. On the [illegible] with a [illegible] lots are ſituated [illegible] a merchant [illegible] ſituation in the town. [illegible]
ALEXANDER [illegible]

THE ſubſcriber has for private ſale, [illegible] in *Hanover* county, the following medicines, viz. rhubarb, bark, jalap, ipecacuanha, ſenna, cantharides, ſago, [illegible] root, balſam capivi, myrrh, calomel, opium, [illegible], and tartar emetick.
(1) NICHOLAS B. SEABROOK.

ALL perſons having demands againſt the eſtate of Mr *Peter Purcell*, by judgment, bond, or open account, are deſired to ſend in their accounts properly proved, to [illegible]

EDENTON (*North Carolina*) [illegible] 1780.

THE copartnerſhip of [illegible] being expired, it is requeſted that all perſons who have any demands againſt ſaid concern, will ſend their accounts immediately in, that the ſame may be [illegible] and paid; and all perſons indebted to [illegible] ſtates, are requeſted to make payment [illegible] months from this date to prevent their being [illegible] which will be extremely diſagreeable to us.
(12) W. SAVAGE,
JOSEPH WESTMORE.

GOOCHLAND county, [illegible] 1780.

I ADMINISTERED on the eſtate of my brother *Solomon Adkiſſon*, deceaſed, and am ready to pay any juſt demands that may be brought in, if any there are, I deſire to be made acquainted with them within three months, as I want to ſettle my accounts for tranſactions concerning the eſtate, and ſhall not think myſelf liable for any demand made after the expiration of that time.
(2) ISAIAH ADKISSON.

RICHMOND, *December* 29, 1779.

STRAYED or ſtolen from the ſubſcriber, about the 8th inſtant, a bright bay horſe, about 12 or 13 years old, 4 feet 9 or 10 inches high, low in fleſh, and branded, as well as I can recollect, on the near ſhoulder S, and buttock W, around one of his hind hoofs a little white, rather hipſhotten in the right hip. Whoever delivers the ſaid horſe to me, ſhall receive 30 dollars reward. (2) JACOB EGE.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

TO any perſon who will deliver to me in *Williamſburg*, or to Mr. *William Black* in *Cheſterfield*, a ſmall ſorrel mare, which either ſtrayed or was ſtolen ſome time in *December* laſt, from *Williamſburg*. She is with foal, has a long tail and mane, a ſtar in her forehead, ſomewhat reſembling 5, no brand perceivable, trots and gallops, and was, a little before miſſing, in tolerable good order. Being bred near the Hon. *John Blair*'s eſtate in *Hanover*, ſhe may perhaps have ſtrayed that way. ARCH: BLAIR.

To be SOLD by the Eſcheator, on [illegible] *the* [illegible] *February,* [illegible] *continued till all are ſold,* [illegible] *for ready money,* [illegible] *county,*

THE forfeited and eſcheated eſtate of *Walter King*, conſiſting of about 6000 acres of [illegible] 800 of which are valuable low grounds, to be laid off in lots, not exceeding 400 acres to each lot, part of which are valuable meadow, the ſtocks of horſes, cattle, ſheep, and hogs; the crop of tobacco, corn, and fodder, plantation utenſils, and many other valuable articles, too tedious to mention. Likewiſe 1600 acres of land, lying on the *Rivanna* river and *Ballenger*'s creek, in the ſaid county.
(4) MARTIN KEY, } Com'rs.
JOHN WARE, }

SOLD *at* GREENHOW'*s ſtore in* Williamſburg,

FINE *Iriſh* linen, a large aſſortment of ſilk handkerchiefs, white purple bordered ditto, check ditto, large *India* cotton ditto, penknives, cuttoes, knives and forks, metal buttons, ſleeve buttons, [illegible], ſciſſors, needles, beſt lancets, copperas, allum, mens and boys hats, logwood, fuſtick, gun powder, ſugar, ſalt, bark, jalap, rhubarb, ipecacuanha, epſom ſalts, calomel, manna, ſenna, magneſia, cream of tartar, and other medicines; crooked combs, ivory and horn ditto, and various other uſeful articles. The above goods will be ſold, wholeſale or [illegible]
(1[illegible])

To be SOLD by the Eſcheator, on Monday the 21ſt of February next, and continued till all are ſold, to the higheſt bidder, for ready money, at Tandy Key'*s in Buckingham county,*

THE forfeited and eſcheated eſtate of *Walter King*, conſiſting of about 4000 acres of rich high land, to be laid off in lots, not exceeding 400 acres; 50 valuable ſlaves, the ſtocks of horſes, cattle, and hogs, the crop of tobacco, corn, and fodder, and plantation utenſils.
(4) MARTIN KEY, } Com'rs.
JOHN NICHOLAS, }

WILLIAM & MARY *college, Jan.* 28, 1780.

THE publick are deſired to take notice, that the perſon who engaged to board the ſtudents at the rates before publiſhed, has informed the ſociety that he [illegible] to decline that buſineſs on account of the [illegible] diſproportion which has lately ariſen between tobacco and the neceſſaries he ſhould have been obliged to lay in.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Jan.* 8, 1780.

TO be ſold by the package or piece, *Iriſh* and courſe [illegible], linen, cotton, and ſilk handkerchiefs, chintz do. callico, [illegible], courſe cloths, lawn, muſlin, [illegible], ribands, ſilks for winter gowns, mens and [illegible], knives and forks, penknives, china [illegible] ſaucers, *Weſt India* rum, brown and loaf [illegible] I continue to buy bills of exchange on *England*, *France*, *Holland*, or the *Weſt Indies*.
(tf) SAMUEL BEALL.

N. B. I want to charter two prime ſailing veſſels for the *Weſt Indies*.

ORANGE, *January* 1, 1780.

THE ſubſcriber conducts a grammar ſchool, to which youth are admitted as boarders and pupils, or as pupils only, on as reaſonable terms as can be conſiſtent with the ſtate of our currency. Thoſe who are not inclinable to engage in the ſtudy of the *Latin* and *Greek* languages, after having acquired a grammatical knowledge of the *Engliſh*, will be inſtructed in ſeveral branches of polite literature.
WALKER MAURY.

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

STOLEN from the *Falls* plantation in *Cheſterfield*, about the 30th of laſt *December*, a dark bay gelding, about 7 years old, 14 hands high, with a ſtar in his forehead, neither docked nor branded, ſome ſaddle ſpots near his ſhoulders, and has ſome appearance on his breaſt of being hurt ſome time ago by traces, being uſed to run in a chariot, paces, trots, and canters exceeding well, the laſt his moſt natural gate. I will give the above reward on conviction of the thief and delivery of the horſe, or two hundred dollars for the horſe. (4) W. BLACK.